

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL EDUCATION & LITERACY

RAJYA SABHA
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Literacy rate among the disabled

3804. Shri Abir Ranjan Biswas:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) State-wise details of the number of disabled students studying in Government schools across the country;
- (b) budget allocated and funds utilised to educate disabled school students across the country, year-wise details during the last five years;
- (c) whether Government is aware that the literacy rate among the disabled is around 55 per cent which is lower than the National average, if so, reasons therefor;
- (d) if so, the steps being taken to improve the literacy rate among the disabled; and
- (e) whether Government is committed to increasing the literacy rate to a minimum 75 per cent among the disabled group?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
(SMT. ANNPURNA DEVI)

- (a) The State-wise details of the number of Children with special needs studying in Government schools, across the country is at **Annexure-I**.
- (b) The details of budget approved under Samagra Shiksha since its inception i.e. 2018-19, and its year-wise budget progress is at **Annexure-II**.
- (c) to (e) As per the Census of India 2011, the literacy rate of differently abled population in India was 54.50% and overall literacy rate of India was 72.98%. In order to increase the literacy rate in India **including differently abled persons**, the Department of School Education and Literacy launched an integrated Centrally Sponsored Scheme for school education i.e. "Samagra Shiksha" with effect from the FY 2018-19.

Under the Samagra Shiksha, there is a dedicated Inclusive Education component for the education of Children with Special Needs (CwSN) covering all CwSN with one or more disabilities, including visual impairment, as mentioned in the schedule of disabilities of the Rights of the Persons with Disabilities (RPwD) Act, 2016. It aims to look at education of CwSN in a continuum from Pre-Primary to Class XII studying in Government, Government-aided and local body schools.

Through this component, various provisions are made available for the educational needs of CwSN such as, provision of aids, appliances, assistive devices & teaching learning materials (TLMs), transportation, escort and scribe allowances etc. The component support also includes annual block identification and assessment camps and stipend for girls with disabilities etc. for supporting access to schools and completion of their schooling.

The focus of Samagra Shiksha is on providing inclusive education to children with special needs wherein, children regardless of their abilities/disabilities participate and learn together in the same class, thus creating an enabling educational environment for all students.

Under Samagra Shiksha, since 2021-22, financial assistance up to Rs.2000 per annum is being provided for supporting Out of School Children (OoSC) of age group of 16-19 years, belonging to socio economically disadvantaged groups, for completing their education through NIOS/SIOS, for accessing course materials and certification.

In addition to the above, the Government of India has approved a new Centrally Sponsored Scheme, namely – “New India Literacy Programme (NILP)” to align with the National Education Policy 2020 and to support all the States and Union Territories in promoting literacy among non-literate and non-numerate adults of the age group of **15 years and above** across the country. The Scheme has five components: (i) Foundational Literacy and Numeracy, (ii) Critical Life Skills, (iii) Basic Education, (iv) Vocational Skills; and (v) Continuing Education.

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Total CWSN enrolment from Pre Primary to Higher Secondary in Government schools for the year 2021-22

Sl. No.	State/UT	Boys	Girls	Total
1	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	316	181	497
2	Andhra Pradesh	42563	31174	73737
3	Arunachal Pradesh	1201	1514	2715
4	Assam	27596	22433	50029
5	Bihar	101480	68840	170320
6	Chandigarh	1904	1310	3214
7	Chhattisgarh	39381	32352	71733
8	Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu	609	414	1023
9	Delhi	9090	8452	17542
10	Goa	176	127	303
11	Gujarat	31185	20552	51737
12	Haryana	12746	8692	21438
13	Himachal Pradesh	3336	2733	6069
14	Jammu & Kashmir	8253	5884	14137
15	Jharkhand	24283	20198	44481
16	Karnataka	40364	31043	71407
17	Kerala	30297	20059	50356
18	Ladakh	357	363	720
19	Lakshadweep	126	82	208
20	Madhya Pradesh	71519	56652	128171
21	Maharashtra	56704	42120	98824
22	Manipur	1933	1795	3728
23	Meghalaya	1318	980	2298
24	Mizoram	1585	1704	3289
25	Nagaland	1105	986	2091
26	Odisha	73620	54305	127925
27	Puducherry	925	686	1611
28	Punjab	34552	25685	60237
29	Rajasthan	41661	29940	71601
30	Sikkim	736	491	1227
31	Tamilnadu	67124	45517	112641
32	Telangana	16576	13817	30393
33	Tripura	2095	1534	3629
34	Uttar Pradesh	168844	118283	287127
35	Uttarakhand	1941	1618	3559
36	West Bengal	82627	65992	148619
	Total	1000128	738508	1738636

Source: UDISE+2021-22

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Samagra Shiksha National Estimated Outlay of Inclusive Education for CwSN Component

Samagra Shiksha			
Financial Year: 2018-2019 to 2022-23			
(Rs. in lakh)			
Sl. No.	IE for CwSN Component	Budget Approved	Budget Progress
		Financial	Financial
1	2018-19	132321.74	84659.05
2	2019-20	136375.09	87563.90
3	2020-21	116592.30	77014.16
4	2021-22	122621.14	88015.78
5	2022-23	139279.12	75587.33

Source: PRABANDH Portal
